

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Claims 1-6, 8-18 and 20-22 remain pending in the application. Features of claims 7 and 19 have been added to the independent claims 1 and 17. In addition, claims 1 and 17 have been amended editorially to address minor issues of form.

As requested, Figs. 14-17 have been amended to include the designation "Prior Art". Applicants respectfully request that the objection to the drawings be withdrawn.

The Office Action requested a certified copy of the Japanese priority filing. However, this application is a national stage of a PCT application. As such, it is not necessary to file a certified copy of the priority application to perfect the claim for priority. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner confirm the perfection of the priority claim.

Claims 1-22 were considered objectionable. Claims 1 and 17 have been amended to remove the references to "OCB" and insert the appropriate defining terminology. With respect to "V^{sup}", applicants note that this term is provided merely as a shorthand designation for a feature that is recited in the claims, i.e. the retained voltage, to facilitate the reference to that feature in later claims. Therefore, no further definition of V^{sup} is necessary.

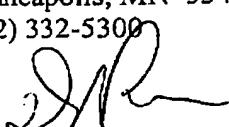
Claims 1-5, 14, 17 and 18 were rejected as anticipated by Nakajima. This rejection is rendered moot by the inclusion of features of claims 7 and 19 in independent claims 1 and 17. Applicants are not conceding the correctness of the rejection.

Favorable reconsideration in the form of a Notice of Allowance is requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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